

# **Rwanda 's experience in Mainstreaming gender into climate change policy, strategies, plans and actions**

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- Globally, gender equality is recognized as a condition for achieving **sustainable development**.
- Rwanda ratified and adhered to international and regional conventions and declarations, each of which has a gender action plan, including the UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, AU,....
- All of these are binding regional and global commitments for mainstreaming the gender– environment and climate change nexus into national strategies and policies
- Rwanda considers Gender and Environment and climate change as cross cutting sectors
- Gender mainstreaming in takes its roots from National Constitution of June 2003 which provides for higher levels of representation to previously marginalized groups such as women, youth and people living with disability.

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- In the Environmental and Climate Change Policy (2019) gender is enshrined in the principles aiming at fostering inclusiveness.
- This Policy urges and encourages effective involvement of women and youth in E&CC management, intervention, and decision-making as essential.
- The Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS) states the need to conduct a robust gender analysis assessment for informing gender-responsive approaches in its implementation.
- Gender equality and family promotion are considered to be cross-cutting areas in the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1, 2017-2024)
- The NST1 urges sectors to mainstream gender and family promotion and ensure women and men's equal access, control, and equitable benefits in terms of responsibility and sustainable production and consumption

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- The gender budgeting programme (gender budget statement) adopted by the Ministry of Finance and Economic planning is an important tool in the process of institutionalizing gender responsive budgeting and gender mainstreaming process in central and local government institutions
- The “Checklists for Mainstreaming Environment & Climate Change in Sectors and Districts’ Development Strategies” also plays a crucial role in the process of integrating gender–E&CC in priority sectors

**Thank you for your attention**